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In re Application of

Michael E. Tompkins, et al.

Serial No. 09/761,264

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For: SPA CONTROL SYSTEM

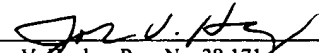
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Dear Sir:

The captioned application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/822,179. Before action, please amend the captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

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42. (Amended) The spa control system of claim 35, the spa control system further including at least one electronic solid state temperature sensor to measure the temperature of water of the spa, and a second electronic sensor to measure another parameter of water of the spa.